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SUBJECT: BRAZIL-US POLICY PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

REF: BRASILIA 5062

1. JULY 2 AMBASSADOR SOUTO MAIOR, FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET CHIEF, ASKED DCM TO PASS TO DEPARTMENT ITAMARATY'S PROPOSALS AS TO TIMING OF POLICY PLANNING TALKS. CHARACTERIZING TALKS AS "USEFUL," SOUTO MAIOR SAID IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THEY PRECEDE SECRETARY'S TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER (TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR PERIOD SHORTLY AFTER UNGA OPENS). REITERATING THAT TIMING PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT SINCE BRAZILIAN POLICY PLANNERS DOUBLE AS FOREIGN MININSTER'S STAFF OFFICERS, SOUTO MAIOR SUGGESTED WEEK OF AUGUST 16 TO 20 FOR TALKS. EARLIER DATES WOULD BE DIFFICULT, HE SAID, SINCE MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S STAFF WILL BE IN JAPAN HELPING WITH ADVANCE PLANNING OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT; LATER DATES WOULD CONFLICT WIT UNGA AND LATER JAPAN VISIT PREPARATIONS.

2. BRAZILIANS ACCEPT WASHINGTON AS SITE, SOUTO MAIOR SAID. BRAZILIAN DELEGATION WILL LIKELY NUMBER FOUR, INCLUDING SOUTO MAIOR HIMSELF AND MINISTER HOLLANDA CAVALCANTI, THE TWO WHO LED THE 1974 TALKS.

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TENTATIVELY, OTHER TWO WILL BE COUNSELOR JOSE NOGUEIRA

FILHO, SPECIALIST ON RELATIONS WITH US IN FOREIGN
MINISTER'S CABINET, AND COUNSELOR LUIZ CLAUDIO
PEREIRA CARDOSO, CHIEF OF ITAMARATY'S NORTH AND
CENTRAL AMERICA DIVISION.

3. SOUTO MAIOR ALSO ASKED FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION ON
AGENDA, TO PERMIT BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO BRIEF ITSELF
FULLY BEFORE DEPARTING. HE MENTIONED MIDDLE EAST,
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
AS AMONG MOST OBVIOUS TOPICS LIKELY TO COME UP.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FURNISH REACTION TO PROPOSED
DATES ASAP, AS WELL AS AGENDA IDEAS.
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